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SUBJECT: PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS FOR REFUGEE SECTION, AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

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- 1. ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT SIGNIFICANT ADDITIONAL PAROLE AUTHORITY WILL BE PROVIDED FOR REFUGEES REMAINING IN THAILAND, THE FOLLOWING MINIMAL PERSONNEL PROJECTIONS ARE PROVIDED. IT MAY VERY WELL BE THAT ACTUAL NEEDS WILL EXCEED THESE PROJECTIONS, BUT IT IS HOPED THAT SUCH ADDITIONAL NEEDS CAN BE MET ON A LOCAL HIRE BASIS.
- 2. REFUGEE CASE OFFICERS PRESENTLY IN BANGKOK, THERE IS ONLY ONE CASE OFFICER FOR EACH REFUGEE NATIONALITY GROUP, AS OPPOSED TO A FORMER STRENGTH OF TWO CASE OFFICERS. FUTURE NEEDS WILL BE FOR TWO ADDITIONAL KHMER CASE OFFICERS TO SUPPLEMENT EXISTING CRS CONTRACT HIRE EMPLOYEE. TWO EXTRA OFFICERS ARE NEEDED BECAUSE OF RELATIVELY HIGH NUMBER OF CATEGORY III KHMER WHO REQUIRE DETAILED INTERVIEWING AND DOCUMENTATION. THE TWO ADDITIONAL OFFICERS SHOULD PREFERABLY SPEAK FRENCH, IF NOT KHMER. GIVEN THE RELATIVELY COMPLETED FILES ON VIETNAMESE REFUGEES AT CONFIDENTIAL

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VIYAMA THE ONLY SIGNIFICANT CASE LOAD ARE THOSE IN BANGKOK.

FOR THE VIETNAMESE, BELIEVE WE COULD GET BY WITH ASSIGNMENT ON DETAIL OF NGUYEN THI HUE, VIETNAMESE EMPLOYEE OF HEW. IF THIS IS APPROVED, SUGGEST THAT ROSENBLATT MAKE INITIAL CONTACT WITH WORTMAN (HEW) BY TELEPHONE.

3. ADDITIONAL LAO REFUGEE CASE OFFICER TO BE STATIONED AT UDORN - THERE IS A CLEAR NEED FOR AN ADDITIONAL LAO REFUGEE OFFICER TO BE STATIONED AT UDORN. CASE LOAD THERE CONTINUES TO BE HEAVY AND THERE IS MUCH ADDITIONAL WORK IN TERMS OF FOLLOWING CAMP CONDITIONS AND FORCED REPATRIATION TO LAOS. THE OFFICER ASSIGNED TO THIS JOB MUST DEFINITELY BE A LAO OR THAI SPEAKER.

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